



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

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May 11, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as an agent for the County, to sign and accept a grant award from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), to share in \$1,827,000 of Federal funds to be distributed amongst awarded agencies determined by OES. Funding will establish the Lancaster Specialized Domestic Violence Unit to be located within the Department's Lancaster Sheriff's Station, which will be responsible for providing an array of specialized services to women victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. No County matching funds will be required as a result of the City of Lancaster's agreement to provide the necessary matching funds.
2. Authorize the Sheriff to execute all future amendments, modifications, extensions, and/or augmentations to said grant should such action(s) be required during the term of the grant.
3. Instruct the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the attached Certification of Assurance of Compliance form (Attachment 1).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In June of 2003, the Department submitted a grant application to the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP). The Department submitted this application to the

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OCJP in response to their Law Enforcement Specialized Units Program (LE Program) grant solicitation. Since submitting this application however, the OCJP has been eliminated and the OES has assumed responsibility of the LE Program.

This stated, the primary objective of the OES's LE Program is to provide selected law enforcement agencies with federal funding assistance in order to establish specialized law enforcement units. These specialized law enforcement units shall be responsible for focusing special effort on the handling of violent crimes against women, including domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. Under the LE Program, a total of \$1,827,000 in federal funds will be distributed amongst awarded agencies and will fund each individual program through June 30, 2006.

In order to successfully achieve the objective of the LE Program, the Department has proposed to establish the Lancaster Specialized Domestic Violence Unit. This new unit, located within the Department's Lancaster Sheriff's Station, will be responsible for providing an array of specialized services to women victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. Specifically, these services include: investigation; crisis intervention; victim advocacy (i.e. support); resource and referral assistance; and counseling. To ensure that these services are provided most effectively, the Department will collaborate with several independent agencies specializing in these types of services. Specifically, these agencies include the Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council/Valley Oasis Shelter and the Sexual Assault Response Service.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Department's Lancaster Specialized Domestic Violence Unit supports each of the four (4) goals within the County of Los Angeles' Strategic Plan. Specifically, with the support of this federal funding source, the Department will be able to realize the achievement of Goal #1: Service Excellence, Goal #2: Workforce Excellence, Goal #3: Organizational Effectiveness, and Goal #4: Fiscal Responsibility. With these grant funds being directed at establishing a unit within the Department focusing on the needs of women victimized by domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, the Department will be given the resources necessary to ensure that responsibilities of the Department are exceedingly achieved and that the public is secured and protected.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The LE Program will provide federal funding assistance to the Department via the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (S*T*O*P) funds. Under this program, the County will not be required to contribute any matching funds as a result of the City of Lancaster's agreement to provide the necessary matching funds.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This program will be federally funded on an annual basis through June 30, 2006. Upon the completion of each individual state fiscal year (i.e. July 1 - June 30), the Department will resubmit a noncompetitive application for the continuation of funding. The application documents have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This grant funding will have a positive impact on the services currently provided by the Department. With this funding, the Department will be given the opportunity to provide much-needed services to women who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, the Department requests that your Board please provide four (4) individually adopted copies of this action and two (2) originally executed copies of Attachment 1 to the Sheriff's Department. The Department's contacts for this requested Board action are Karen J. Anderson, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5408 or Richard F. Martinez, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5299.

Respectfully submitted,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

CERTIFICATION OF ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I, Leroy D. Baca, hereby certify that:
(official authorized to sign grant award; same person as line 13 on Grant Award Face Sheet)

GRANTEE: County of Los Angeles

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

PROJECT TITLE: Lancaster Specialized Domestic Violence Unit

is responsible for reviewing the *Grantee Handbook* and adhering to all of the Grant Award Agreement requirements (state and/or federal) as directed by the Office of Emergency Services (OES) including, but not limited to, the following areas:

I. Equal Employment Opportunity – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2151)

It is the public policy of the State of California to promote equal employment opportunity by prohibiting discrimination or harassment in employment because of Race, Religious Creed, Color, National Origin, Ancestry, Disability (mental and physical) including HIV and AIDS, Medical Condition (cancer and genetic characteristics), Marital Status, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Denial of Family Medical Care Leave, Denial of Pregnancy Disability Leave, or Age (over 40). *OES-funded projects certify that they will comply with all state and federal requirements regarding equal employment opportunity, nondiscrimination and civil rights.*

Please provide the following information:

A.A. Officer: Randall J. Olson

Title: Lieutenant

Address: 4700 Ramona Boulevard, Monterey Park, California 91754

Phone: (323) 526-5671

Email: rjolson@lasd.org

II. Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2152)

The State of California requires that every person or organization awarded a grant or contract shall certify it will provide a drug free workplace.

III. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2153)

The State of California requires all OES funded projects to obtain written certification that the project is not impacting the environment negatively.

IV. Lobbying – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2154)

OES grant funds, grant property, or grant funded positions shall not be used for any lobbying activities, including, but not limited to, being paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the making of any federal grant, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal grant or cooperative agreement.

V. Debarment and Suspension – (*Grantee Handbook* Section 2155) (*This applies to federally funded grants only.*)

OES funded projects must certify that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, sentenced to a denial of federal benefits by a state or federal court, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department of agency.

VI. Proof of Authority from City Council/Governing Board

The above-named organization (applicant) accepts responsibility for and will comply with the requirement to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board in support of this program. The Applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of OES, and that any cash match will be appropriated as required. It is agreed that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and OES disclaim responsibility of any such liability. Furthermore, it is also agreed that grant funds received from OES shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by the city council/governing board.

The Applicant is required to obtain written authorization from the city council/governing board that the official executing this agreement is, in fact, authorized to do so. The Applicant is also required to maintain said written authorization on file and readily available upon demand.

All appropriate documentation must be maintained on file by the project and available for OES or public scrutiny upon request. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in suspension of payments under the grant or termination of the grant or both and the grantee may be ineligible for award of any future grants if the OES determines that any of the following has occurred: (1) the grantee has made false certification, or (2) violates the certification by failing to carry out the requirements as noted above.

CERTIFICATION

I, the official named below, am the same individual authorized to sign the Grant Award Agreement [line 13 on Grant Award Face Sheet], and hereby swear that I am duly authorized legally to bind the contractor or grant recipient to the above described certification. I am fully aware that this certification, executed on the date and in the county below, is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California.

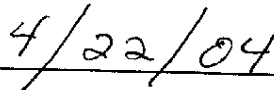
Authorized Official's Signature: _____



Authorized Official's Typed Name: Leroy D. Baca

Authorized Official's Title: Sheriff

Date Executed: _____



Federal ID Number: 95-6000927

Executed in the City/County of: County of Los Angeles

AUTHORIZED* BY:

- City/County Financial Officer
- City Manager
- Governing Board Chair

Signature: _____

Typed Name: Don Knabe

Title: Chairman, Board of Supervisors

* - Official authorized to countersign